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Title : Need for proper maintenance of the strategic Sansari-Kilar-Thirot Road link, Himachal Pradesh with Jammu and Kashmir.

SHRIMATI PRATIBHA SINGH (MANDI): I had the opportunity to visit tribal areas of Lahaul and Spiti and Pangi sub-Divisions of Chamba District of my constituency this time extensively. The road popularly known as Sansari-Kilar-Thirot road is being looked after by Border Road Organisation being a strategic road, which links Manali-Leh road at Tandi with Jammu-Udhampur-Srinagar at Batot. This road traverses through Kishtwar-Doda area of Jammu and Kashmir and thus is a lifeline for the connectivity in far-flung areas of the States of Himachal Pradesh and Jammu and Kashmir. I have found that the standard of maintenance of road is not very encouraging, alignment at certain places is also defective and except for small portion, entire length is unpaved and at many points the formation deficiencies require widening. Based on my site experience, I propose the following suggestions for immediate action:-

1 Re-surfacing of road from Tandi to Thirot.

2 Immediate metalling and tarring from Thirot to Madgran near Udhampur.

3 Immediate construction of bridges on three *nallahs* between Udhampur and Tindi as this gets flooded as a result of melting of snow causing disruption of traffic.

4 Re-alignment of road at Bambal as Forest clearance has already been obtained.

5 Re-alignment and widening of road between Sidh Mandir and Kilar bridge.

6 Immediate metaling and tarring of road between Kilar bridge and Sansari *nallah.*

I would request the Government to look into these suggestions and take immediate action by providing special budgetary allocation, machineries and equipment so that this strategic road is maintained in larger public and national interest.

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: Shri Giridhari Lal Bhargava -- Not present.